



ADVANCING DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

USAID institutionalizes effective and accountable governance and promotes enhanced citizen engagement and participation

USAID partners with the Government of Armenia, political institutions, local governments, civil society, media, and other stakeholders to support the consolidation of key democratic reforms and institutions, ensuring that reforms translate into concrete, tangible improvements in the lives of Armenian citizens and communities.

EFFECTIVE & ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

At the national level, **USAID strengthens** the rule of law by improving systems of accountability and integrity and fostering judicial independence and effectiveness. USAID also supports electoral reform and builds capacity to improve political representation and competition, ensure democratic checks and balances, and promote the inclusion of citizens in political processes. At the local level, USAID empowers local governments to provide quality services, effectively mobilize and administer locally owned resources, and create preconditions for local economic development.

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

USAID advances inclusive development and empowers citizens, particularly women, youth, and other traditionally marginalized populations, to effectively engage and participate in Armenia's governance. These efforts increase citizen education and involvement in political and civic processes, improve the capacity and sustainability of civil society organizations, and engage citizens in public oversight. USAID also promotes responsible journalism, media literacy, and citizen awareness through support to media organizations, while addressing legal-regulatory, and professional resilience issues in the media sector.

2021 Results

- 44,573 Armenians benefiting from USAID-supported social services
- 2,093 boys and girls received special education services at inclusive schools
- 521 local governments supported in improving their performance
- 437 election observers and/or party agents trained
- 339 people affiliated with NGOs received anti-corruption training
- 240 students trained through the School of Local Democracy
- 201 youth activists trained on corruption issues
- 84 civil society organizations engaged in advocacy interventions supported
- 40 non-state media outlets supported with critical investigative journalism and countering disinformation
- 13 mechanisms for external oversight of public resource use supported
- 9 schools renovated to improve persons with disabilities' access to inclusive education
- 5 university partnerships established to pilot a civics curriculum

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Local Governance Reform Activity provides assistance to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure to implement the Territorial and Administrative Reform of Armenia and strengthen local governance through improved service delivery and provides grants for community development projects and equipment in 16 consolidated clusters.

2015 - 2022 | Territorial Development Fund of Armenia | \$8.6 million

Strengthening of the Inclusive Education System works directly with the Ministry to strengthen Armenia's inclusive education system in order to implement national child welfare reforms. Through small-scale adjustments in selected schools and pedagogical-psychological centers, the project ensures that learning environments are physically adapted to be inclusive of children with disabilities and/or special educational needs.

2016 - 2023 | Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport | \$0.82 million

Community Level Access to Social Services (CLASS) promotes the establishment of community-based social services in Armenia through the introduction of a community-based social worker position within local government and by enabling communities to identify, prevent, and address their social issues.

2017 - 2024 | World Vision Inc | \$2.7 million

Strengthening Electoral Processes and Political Accountability in Armenia (SEPPA) builds government capacity to respond to strategic priorities, improves election administration and oversight, and strengthens institutions of political accountability for inclusive political competition including the National Assembly, political parties, and the Central Election Commission.

2018 - 2025 | Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (IFES, IRI, and NDI) | \$21.6 million

Leading for Independent Living promotes independent living and the inclusion of persons with disabilities by facilitating accessible and sustainable community-based support and services in Lori and Shirak marzes. Independent living centers are managed by persons with disabilities for persons with disabilities.

2019 - 2022 | Mobility International USA | \$1 million

Advancing Dignity and Equality for LGBTI People advances human rights of LGBTI people and protects them from violence and discrimination, specifically focused on strengthening data collection and research, conducting behavior change communications, promoting legal inclusiveness, and providing emergency assistance in cases of violence.

2019 - 2022 | Pink Human Rights Defender NGO | \$1.1 million

Local Works promotes locally led and community-centered development in consolidated communities through support for citizen-identified community priorities. The program encourages communities to envision, own, and lead community development processes, and garner the support they need to enhance their resilience and reduce dependence on the central government.

Ongoing | Multiple Awards | \$1.2 million

Data for Accountable and Transparent Action (DATA) strengthens the institutional capacity of local Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and improves CSO capacity for evidence-based policy analysis, input, and effective communication.

2020 - 2022 | Eurasia Partnership Foundation | \$2 million

Technical Assistance to the Audit Chamber of Armenia provides capacity building, training, and consultancy services to the Audit Chamber of Armenia to combat corruption and address 2019 recommendations identified by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

2020 - 2023 | U.S. Government Accountability Office/Center of Audit Excellence | \$1 million

Support to Control COVID-19 and Other Infectious Disease Outbreaks supports the Government of Armenia's efforts to design national multi-sectoral policies, strategies, and coordination mechanisms to address the COVID-19 crisis and future public health emergencies; mobilize responses to contain outbreaks; and design and implement effective communication strategies and behavior change messages, including efforts to address vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

2020 - 2026 | American University of Armenia Fund (AUAF) | \$3.2 million

Armenia Integrity Project (AIP) advances a systemic approach to prevent corruption by strengthening the capacities of the Corruption Prevention Commission, national and sub-national governments, civil society, and the private sector to pilot and institutionalize best-functioning approaches, develop effective monitoring and prevention capabilities, and instill a culture of zero tolerance towards corruption in Armenian society.

2021 - 2026 | Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc. | \$9.5 million

Countering Trafficking in Persons supports Armenia in preventing trafficking of persons and forced labor by strengthening the government's and civil society capacities to comprehensively and sustainably combat these issues. Assistance enhances the policy and regulatory environment and helps establish effective systems for monitoring and measuring the implementation of Armenia's Counter Trafficking-in-Persons National Action Plan.

2021 - 2023 | Data for Impact | \$0.5 million

Armenia Civics for Engagement instills civic responsibility, knowledge, skills, values, and motivation from a young age to ensure that young people become more engaged and knowledgeable citizens. USAID supports the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport to introduce civic education in schools and engages youth in non-formal civic education in a variety of informal settings.

2022 - 2027 | Project Harmony Inc. | \$5 million

Justice Sector Support strengthens checks and balances, judicial independence, legal education, and restores public trust in the judiciary.

2022 - 2027 | TBD | \$10 million (est.)

Public Finance Management supports the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the National Assembly to implement public financial management reform and transparently plan, execute, and account for the use of public funds.

2022-2025 | TBD | \$3.2 million (est.)